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Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....$ 6,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS...$10,000,000

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MANAGER:
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [8

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
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CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
RESERVE FUND.....£350,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [31

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FOR SALE.

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GOLDEN GRAIN BELT LAGER BEER, EXTRA PALE.

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One WATERBURY NICKEL WATCH will be given away with every two cases of Beer.

Family and Pocket Cork Pullers will be supplied, and sample bottles given to consumers.

BARRETTO & Co.,
Sole Agents for the
MINNEAPOLIS BREWING CO.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1897. [422

KUHN & KOMOR,

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,

21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA
and
36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1896. [457

Insurances.

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has a long record of GOOD SERVICES to refer to; its FUNDS, annually increasing, amount to £8,086,402 Stg. The premiums are moderate; and all modern features consistent with safety have been adopted.

For Particulars and Rates,
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. —[27

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL.....£2,500,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....£2,480,053
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HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897. [74

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [28

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } $833,333.33.
EQUAL TO.....
RESERVE FUND.....$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1885. [29

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....$1,000,000

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CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
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Hongkong, 26th May, 1804. [30

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THE BEST LOT OF THIS SEASON.

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FINE PEKING CLOISONNE VASES and ORNAMENTS (MING, KANGHI and KIENLUNG), Rare PEKING SNUFF-BOTTLES, OLD SOOCHOW LACQUER, Finely Carved RHINOCEROS HORNS, IVORIES, JADE ORNAMENTS, BRONZES, PORCELAIN SCREENS, Old Inlaid ANNAMITE TRAYS and BOXES, and a Great Variety of Other CURIOS.

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Comprising:—
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&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to Sale.
On View from FRIDAY, the 19th March.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1897. [461

Intimation.

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA-LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG, A. B. C. Code.
TELEPHONE, No. 35.

THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

TIFFIN AT 1 P.M. DINNER AT 8 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.

For further Particulars apply to

THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [24

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
JAPAN, &c.	*Japan*	T. Leigh	About 20th Mar.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
SHANGHAI	*Thames*	W. J. Nantes	About 21st Mar.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	*Kaisar-i-Hind*	C. L. Daniel	Noon, 25th Mar.	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN	*Verona*	C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R.	Noon, 26th Mar.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Ceylon*	J. R. Lendon, R.N.R.	About 3rd April.	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [5



THE "HONGKONG BUTCHERY" COMPANY.

Nos. 11, 13 and 15, CENTRAL MARKET.

FRESH BEEF AND MUTTON
CORNED BEEF AND TONGUES
VEAL SAUSAGES.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [116



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ALE & STOUT.

	4 dozen Quarts.	8 dozen Pints.
ALE	$18.00	$14.00
STOUT	—	$15.00

TRADE MARK. 祥行 *Hong Name:—* 隆泰 YUEN WO.

is lighter in body and of less Alcoholic strength than most English Brews.

TELEPHONE, No. 135.

SOLE AGENTS:—

GANDE PRICE & CO.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1897. [16

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FOR HIGH PRESSURE CYLINDERS.

AMAZON SPIRAL PACKING

THIS PACKING HAS GIVEN GREAT SATISFACTION WHEREVER USED.

AS USED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

$2.00 PER POUND.

ALL SIZES IN STOCK
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Praya Central.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [25

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FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

IMMENSE BARGAINS.

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Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [19

Intimations.

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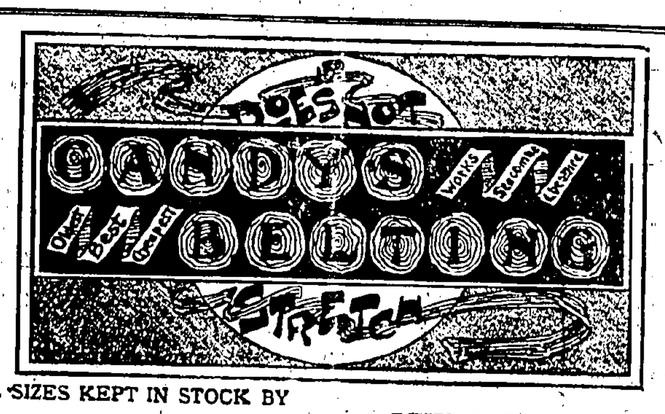
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General Agents.

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SCHEELE & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [383

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 doz. pints.....$35 per case.
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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [26

W. BREWER & CO.

JUST LANDED
A LARGE STOCK AND GREAT VARIETY OF
LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S
TENNIS SHOES.
LADIES and GENTLEMEN'S
HOUSE SLIPPERS,
(VERY CHEAP.)

Hongkong, 5th March, 1897. [18

THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF
WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.
Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.
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FLETCHER & CO.,
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THE BEST NATURAL TABLE WATER IN THE WORLD.
Invaluable for dyspepsia and indigestion.

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CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
SOLE AGENTS.

15, *Queen's Road,*
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897 14

NUNOBIKI NATURAL MINERAL WATER.

FROM THE SPRINGS OF THE WELL-KNOWN NUNOBIKI WATERFALLS IN KOBE.

Analysed and pronounced by the IMPERIAL JAPANESE HYGIENIC LABORATORY OF OSAKA, to be effective in the treatment of CONSUMPTION, CHRONIC CATARRH OF THROAT and WIND PIPE, all complaints of LIVER, STOMACH and INTESTINE, RHEUMATISM, SUPERABUNDANCE OF BLOOD, &c.

APPLY TO

L. M. ALVARES & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS,
No. 17, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1897. [445

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD FINAL TIE.
H.M.S. "CENTURION" *v.* KOWLOON.
TO-MORROW AFTERNOON on the HAPPY VALLY, at 4 P.M.
Admission to Grand Stand, Fifty Cents.
LADIES Free.
F. BROWNE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1897. [481

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.
HONGKONG BRANCH.
NOTICE.
A MEETING of MEMBERS will be held at the ROOMS of the CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE on THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the past year, and electing a Committee.
F. HENDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1897 [482

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
ATTENTION!!
THE GREAT AMUSEMENT EVENT OF THE YEAR!
TO-MORROW NIGHT!
(SATURDAY), MARCH 20TH, 1897,
HUDSON'S SURPRISE PARTY.
THE DONATORS OF MIRTH AND MUSIC
19 STAR ARTISTS 19
Our Combination of Acknowledged Vocalists, Comedians, Instrumentalists and Dancers will appear in the following Monster Programme:

PART FIRST.
MINSTRELSY.
OUR SOCIAL GATHERING.
Miss MAY HABGOOD
will preside at the Pianoforte.

Tambourinists: Mr. T. HUDSON. Mr. A. McKISSON. *Bonjoist:* Mr. J. KEARNS. Mr. F. HARLEY.
Conversationalist: Miss LILLIE LINTON.

Introductory Overture ...	"Spring Time"	...Company.
Song & Dance Medley ...	"Jubilation" ...	Thornton Sisters.
Song	"By the Fountain"	Miss Lillian Stanbridge.
Acrobatic Song and Dance	"Sunny Southern Country"	Messrs. McKisson & Kearns.
Song	"The Mighty Deep"	Miss Violet Elliott.
Humorette and Jubilee Refrain ...	"Hear dem Bells"	Mr. T. Hudson
Serio-Vocal Effusion & Dance.....	"The Jolly Girl"	Miss Ida Rosslyn
Song	"Sally Horner"	...Mr. W. King.

(Overture and Vocal Quartettes arranged by Miss MAY HABGOOD)
First Part terminating with Scene from the Gaiety Burlesque.
THE SHOP GIRL.
Introducing an Original Japanese and Fan Dance by Miss L. LINTON and Miss J. WILLIAMS, and a "Golden Hair Down Her Back" Tableau.
(BY THE WHOLE COMPANY).
INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES ONLY.
PART II.
Interlude, Piano Mr. H. BURTON.
And Now Comes
ALTRO, The Demon Equilibrist, in his Marvellous Performance.
HUDSON will Rhapsodise and Parodise a few moments.
Miss MAY HABGOOD, the Brilliant Solo Pianist will play grand Paraphrase on Scotch Airs "Abergeldie."
THE GOURIAYS (William and Amy), the Versatile Character Artists, in their Original and Humorous Sketch.
"THAT AWFUL GIRL."
Miss JESSIE WILLIAMS, in her Wonderful Terpsichorean Originality.
Messrs. McKISSON and KEARNS, in their Original Grotesqueri! "Silence and Fun."
Miss IDA ROSSLYN, the Young English Soubrette, in her amusing Serio-Vocal Effusions and Dances.
The Evening's Entertainment terminating with Hudson's Laughable Sketch
"DR. BROWN'S TROUBLES OR THOMPSON'S GHOST."
PRICES OF ADMISSION:—$3, $2 & $1.
SOLDIERS and SAILORS in Uniform Half-price to back seats only.
Reserved Seats booked at W. ROBINSON & Co.'s Music Warehouse.
Doors Open at 8.30. Smiling Begins at 9 P.M.
Ambulances for laughter-exhausted Patrons at 11.15.
THOS. P. HUDSON, Proprietor.
ARTHUR J. ROYD, Representative.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1897. [483

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship
"WOOSUNG,"
Captain Jones, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th March 1897 [485

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship
"LYEEMOON,"
Captain G. Heuermann, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1897. [480

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship
"PATROCLUS,"
Captain Barwise, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 29th instant.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1897. [486

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, HANDSOME ENGRAVINGS, FINE COTTAGE PIANO, &c.
THE Undersigned has received Instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
THURSDAY, the 25th March, 1897, commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at No. 45, WYNDHAM STREET,
The whole of the
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
PARTLY OF
MARINBURK MANUFACTURE,
Comprising:—
HALL FURNITURE, DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in OLD GOLD, SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH, BEVELLED OVERMANTELS, BEVELLED CONSOLE, CANTON BLACKWOOD FANCY TABLES and FANCY UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS and CUSHIONS; Very Handsome ENGRAVINGS and PAINTINGS, BRONZES, ORNAMENTS, STANDARD and PEDESTAL LAMPS, PLAQUES, TAPESTRY, CHENILLE and LACE CURTAINS, CARPETS, RUGS, HAIR CARPETING, OIL-CLOTH, Quite New.
ONE COTTAGE PIANO, by BESTER (Hamburg), Quite New and in Fine Condition.
TEAK SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, CHIFFONIER, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, LEATHER-COVERED DINING-ROOM SUITE, HAND-PAINTED FRENCH PORCELAIN DINNER and DESSERT SERVICES, ELECTRO-PLATE and GLASS-WARE, CUTLERY, PANTRY REQUISITES,
&c., &c., &c.
Finely CARVED TEAK DOUBLE BEDSTEAD with SPRING and HAIR MATTRESSES, &c., MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS and SETS, MARBLE-TOP BUREAU with BEVELLED GLASS, DRESSING TABLE with SWINGING GLASS, LADIES' DESK with BOOK-CASE, BOX COUCH COVERED with PLUSH, WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS-DOORS and PLAIN,
AND
SUNDRY OTHER ARTICLES.
AMERICAN COOKING STOVE and COOKING UTENSILS, LADIES' IRON and RATTAN CARRYING CHAIRS.
Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale.
On View from WEDNESDAY, the 24th March.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1897. [484

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.
AERATED WATERS.
SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYADE, &c.
DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [379

TO SUBSCRIBERS.
SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
WINES AND SPIRITS.
ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.
PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.
PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.
SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.
CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.
BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.
WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.
We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. 15

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1897.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, March 17th.

All the Greek troops, with the exception of the Crown Prince's regiment, have proceeded to the frontier. There is a conviction at Athens that war is inevitable.

FRANCE ON THE QUI VIVE.

France is sending 600 Marines to Crete.

THE BLOCKADE COMMENCED.

The blockade of Crete has virtually commenced, and if Greece continues obstinate the Squadrons will blockade the Piræus and probably Volo (? Volo).

GREECE STILL ON THE WAR-PATH!

The Greek troops in Crete have been ordered to occupy Sphakia to await events.

(From *Straits Times*)
DEATH FROM HYDROPHOBIA.

PENANG, March 10th.

Father Leymet died last night from hydrophobia. He was bitten eighteen months ago.

[The *Free Press* of 11th March has the following remarks on this sad event:—"Yesterday evening Bishop Fée received a telegram from Father Rivet announcing the death there of Father Leymet, the assistant priest of the Tamil Mission under Father Cesbron. Bishop Fée received a letter on Monday from Father Cesbron in which nothing was mentioned about Father Leymet being ill and the supposition is that he must have died suddenly and he has therefore telegraphed to Penang for particulars. Father Leymet was born in 1863 and came from the diocese of Paris. He arrived in Singapore in 1893 and for three months stayed with Father Vignol here, when he was sent by the late Bishop Gasnier to assist Father (now Bishop) Fée in the Tamil Mission at Penang. His last visit to Singapore was in November 1896 for the episcopal consecration of Father Fée."]

(From *Rangoon Times.*)
A MAHARAJAH'S PALACE BURNT.

BOMBAY, March 1st.

The Maharajah's palace at Mysore caught fire this morning and it is still blazing.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, February 24th.

The last telegram *re* plague from the Secretary of State to the Viceroy reads:—

Russia:—Bokhara-Afghan frontier is closed against Indian trade. Saktarabar is the only open trans-Caspian town for passengers and goods. The Hedjas pilgrimage is forbidden.

Portugal:—Lisbon is the only open port for landing mails and passengers' luggage. All will be subject to quarantine and disinfection. Patterns and postal parcels are excluded. This applies to arrivals from Indian ports, the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf.

BOMBAY, February 25th.

Yesterday's returns show 107 cases of plague and 79 deaths; 206 from all causes. The plague in Kurachee continues virulent.

CALCUTTA, February 25th.

The following telegram has been received today from the Secretary of State:—

Antwerp:—My telegram of 10th February. The revised rules enjoin the prohibition to import textile or similar products, animal or vegetable, as wood, cotton, jute, fibres of these products, cocoanut fibres, etc., unless packed in compressed bales bound with hoops.

Spain:—Vessels arriving from Egypt, Arabia, Indian and the Persian Gulf ports—to be three days under observation. Prohibition to import rags, old clothes, tissues, mattresses, poultry feathers, animal hair, horns, hoofs, wood, silk, linen, hemp, jute, etc., from India.

BOMBAY, February 25th.

The plague in Bombay shows a total to date of 7,638 cases and 6,198 deaths. The week's mortality from all causes was 1,650.

There is great excitement in Poona city regarding segregation; people are afraid to give information of plague cases and deaths. Five thousand have left Poona within a fortnight; several shops and houses are closed.

CALCUTTA, March 1st.

Doctor Hankin, the well known bacteriologist, who left Bombay a week ago for Agra, was attacked there with the plague, but is doing well.

The position as regards the plague in Bombay is about the same; no signs of material improvement.

The plague has appeared among the pilgrims who were transported to Nasick.

BOMBAY, March 2nd.

Yesterday's plague returns were 77 cases and 88 deaths. The total from all causes was 189.

A slight disturbance occurred yesterday in the village of Dandu, near Bandra, owing to the people refusing to leave houses where the plague occurred. As they defied the police, a Company of Native Infantry was ordered to the scene, when order was restored and the tenants evicted.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.

CALCUTTA, February 24th.

The Famine Fund has reached Rs. 41,2,000; this includes the second contributions of Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 20,000 from Yokohama and Hongkong respectively.

The Famine Fund now amounts to Rs. 41,04,000. This includes a lakh, being the second remittance, given by Canada. The subscriptions received in Bengal amount to Rs. 67,000, including Rs. 5,000 from Babu Romanath Ghose.

CHOLERA IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, February 24th.

An unfortunate outbreak of cholera is reported on the relief works in Rewah State, where some 20,000, or 30,000 persons are engaged. Out of 350 cases 160 deaths occurred. It is hoped enquiry will at once be made, otherwise the terror-stricken people will carry the disease into the neighbouring districts in the Central Provinces and the North-West Provinces.

THE CRETAN DIFFICULTY.

CALCUTTA, March 1st.

The Indian Daily News publishes the following special telegram from home:—The Grimp-Cretan question has reached a very grave crisis and most unexpected events happened which necessitated a hurried meeting of the Cabinet yesterday. The entire Liberal Press, with the exception of the *Daily Chronicle*, advises the Greeks to accept the decision arrived at by the Powers regarding autonomy for Crete with suzerainty of the Sultan, and urges Greece not to resist the united action of the Powers, but denounces the idea of the retention of Turkish soldiers in Crete. The King of Greece has telegraphed to his father that he will never run until the union of Greece and Crete has been accomplished. As a result of this decision many Greek reserves have been called out and it is feared that the rejection by Greece of the honourable solution proposed by the Powers will probably result in very grave consequences. M. Delyannis, the Greek Premier, says that the decision to maintain Greek troops in Crete is irrevocable, but this is not generally believed. Intense irritation prevails at Athens against all foreigners.

AN OVERDUE STEAMER.

Messrs Mody & Co's steamer *Hongkong*, which left Pakhoi, via Hoihow, at 3 p.m. on the 12th instant, is several days overdue. Under ordinary circumstances she should have arrived here on the night of the 14th or morning of the 15th. A *Telegraph* reporter on calling at the owners' office to-day, was informed that nothing has been heard of the vessel since she left Pakhoi and it is feared that she has met with some mishap. Part of her course is through the dangerous Hainan Strait, and it is possible that she has encountered thick or foggy weather and so delay was unavoidable.

Up to the hour of going to press there were no tidings of the missing vessel.

THE COSTA RICA PACKET CASE.

DECISION IN FAVOUR OF THE BRITISH CLAIMANT.

SINGAPORE, March 10th.

Wires have been received in Batavia to the effect that Professor Maartens, the Russian authority on international law, has awarded £9,000 in the *Costa Rica Packet* arbitration. The total claims were about £33,000. It is not yet known how the compensation is to be distributed, or whether the whole goes to Captain Carpenter and crew, or some portion of it to the owners and indirect losers by the *Costa Rica Packet* affair.—*Free Press.*

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Famine Relief Fund begs to acknowledge receipt of the undernoted subscriptions:—

Already acknowledged	$ 48,477.53
H. L. D.	50
Gande, Price & Co.	25
Total to date.....	$48,562.53

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE "march out" is off.

H.M.S. *Swift* has left Manila for Hongkong.

THE British cruiser *Iphigenia* has arrived at Singapore *en route* for Hongkong.

WE would remind our readers of the Engineers' Dance in the City Hall this evening.

THERE has been another big fire in Rangoon, the estimated damage amounting to 1,800,000 rupees.

CHONG SHANG, a shopman, was to-day fined $100 for having in his possession 5 taels of illicit opium.

MR. P. A. REUTENS has won the Singapore chess championship prize. At the last tournament he also carried off the first prize.

HER Majesty's ships *Undaunted* and *Immortalité* are at Nagasaki; the *Linnet* is at Shanghai, and the *Narcissus* at Chefoo.

TO-MORROW afternoon at Happy Valley, in the final for the Hongkong Challenge Shield, H.M.S. *Centurion* will play Kowloon. Kick-off at 4 p.m. Referee: Mr. P. G. Davies, R.A.

THROUGH the courtesy of Admiral McNair and the Officers, the Band of the United States flagship *Olympia* will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow evening during the dinner hour.

A MEETING of subscribers to St. George's Ball will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at 5 p.m. to receive and pass the accounts and to determine what shall be done with the balance.

ENTRIES for the Lawn Tennis Tournament close to-morrow. Members of the Hongkong Cricket Club who wish to enter should sign their names on one of the lists to be found in the Hongkong Club and the Cricket Pavilion.

HIS many friends in the Colony will be glad to hear that Major Wrottesley, R.E., on returning home from Hongkong, was appointed staff officer to Colonel Sir Arthur Mackworth, Commanding Royal Engineers, Aldershot.

THE "March Out," arranged for to-morrow, has been cancelled owing to the desire of many of the Volunteers to witness the final match of the competition for the Football Challenge Shield, which takes place to-morrow afternoon.

NO TAK, a fisherman, appeared at the Magistracy to-day on the charge of having a musket, 2 revolvers, and ammunition in his possession. Capt. Hastings inflicted the usual fine of $100 with the alternative of 3 months' hard labour.

THE *Singapore Free Press* understands that the electric power scheme for Raub is practically decided upon. There is nothing problematical in the scheme, and the economies it will effect will be endless—in labour, wood-cutting, fuel, live-stock, haulage, pumping, lighting, and milling.

IN a letter published in another column "A Visitor" calls attention to the nauseating and dangerous odours emanating from the drains. We know that the stenches are overpowering in Queen's Road and Wanchai, and we hear that the condition of many private drains is simply disgusting. We hope the authorities will have the drains well flushed without delay.

IF paint counts for anything then certainly great progress is being made with the *Tamar*. Not only has the completed portion of her roof been painted, but it is now being covered with canvas. One side of her has also been painted white. Probably a coat of composition would not be out of place on her bottom, as from the time she has been lying at the buoy it should now be well covered with barnacles and oysters, not to speak of rust. There can be no excuse for allowing her to get into a bad state below the waterline, as presumably, unlike the old *Victor Emanuel*, she is strong enough, or should be strong enough, to stand docking without collapsing like a house of cards.

THE "Queen Victoria Shilling Fund," to which every woman in Victoria (Australia) will be asked to contribute, is to be opened at Melbourne for the purpose of establishing a hospital where women will receive treatment entirely from professional members of their own sex. The hospital is intended to be a memorial of the Queen's record reign.

AT the opening of the Supreme Court to-day his Lordship the Chief Justice said he had to compliment the Police officers engaged in the gang robbery case tried yesterday on the zeal they had shown in bringing the offenders to justice. Mr. H. E. Pollock, who conducted the case for the Crown, said the police would feel highly complimented by His Lordship's remarks.

THE *Siam Free Press* avers that the visit of King Chulalongkorn to Europe is not undertaken solely for the sake of pleasure. It is rather a diplomatic mission, and undertaken to arrange the political differences now pending between France and Siam. On the 3rd instant the King presided over a Grand Council of Princes and Nobles, to make provision for handing over the government of the Kingdom, during his absence, to the Queen. The second Queen—mother of the present Crown Prince—will act as Regent.

THE Freemasons of Singapore will give a ball in the Town Hall on the 24th of May next in celebration of the sixtieth year of the Queen's Reign. His Excellency the Governor, as District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago, will be present. An influential local committee has been formed, and arrangements on an extensive scale are being made. The usual Birthday Ball will not be held on the 24th of May this year, as the Governor and Lady Mitchell will be giving a ball on the occasion of the Jubilee festivities in June.—*Straits Times.*

THE *North China Daily News* winds up a leader on the Russo-Japanese Convention as follows:—The Convention is a very amusing one, because facts have shown how purely illusory it is, being intended simply to appease the indignation of the Japanese while the country is straining every nerve to get ready to fight Russia. The point in this Convention of most importance to Japan is the stipulation that Korea shall be left to organise her army and her police "without recourse to foreign aid, whereas Russian officers have been engaged for some time, and are still engaged, in re-organising the Korean army and drilling her soldiers." Questioned on this point, Count Okuma "said that he did not think the occasion suitable for discussing the matter of the drilling of Korean troops by Russian officers. Such a discussion would not be wise, whether considered from the standpoint of Japan's diplomacy or the speaker's policy, or in deference to his predecessor and to Marshal Yamagata." Asked by a Liberal member whether he adhered or his previous declaration, that Korean independence must be supported by Japan alone, the Count diplomatically replied "that so long as an understanding existed between Japan and Russia in connection with the maintenance of Korean independence, no objection need be entertained though the task were undertaken conjointly with Russia, or even with other Powers." It may be noted by the way that Japan, notwithstanding the stipulation attached to §1 of the memorandum, has just withdrawn all restrictions on *Soshi* and men of that class emigrating to Korea. The fact, of course, is that Korea never has in modern times been independent and is not independent now, and that Russia, without firing a gun or losing a man, has ousted Japan from the suzeralty of Korea which Japan assumed after the late war, just as she has ousted Japan from Manchuria. It will still be two or three years before Japan can attempt to recover the ground she has lost, and, if Russia can postpone a war in Europe, she will spend that time in greatly strengthening her position in the Far East.

MR. THOMAS Hudson, of Surprise Party fame, wrote as follows to the *Statesman* on the eve of his departure from Calcutta:—In reply to Dr. Ranking's letter in the *Englishman* of yesterday's date, I once had the misfortune to witness a person suffering from hydrophobia and the horrors of the sight will never be effaced from my memory. I would willingly give the use of the Theatre Royal (free) for any two or three evenings if some of the Calcutta amateurs would organise a series of entertainments for what I should think the most urgent requirement just now—a Pasteur Institute for Calcutta. I feel certain the public would promptly respond to a call for such an object, especially while there are so many roving pariah dogs in the city and many young children are in danger from them. I should be happy to have given a benefit performance for the cause, but my early departure for China (March 1st) prevents my assisting with my company. However, the theatre is free to those who care to start to organise a fund for a Pasteur Institute.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Colonial Government	$300
J. F. B.	10
R. Marten	10
J. W. Osborne	10
J. M. Armstrong	5
R. Becker	5
H. Betel	5
Campbell, Moore & Co.	5
W. J. Canter, R.N.	5
W. E. Clarke	5
Erich Georg	5
G. Girault	5
F. D. Goddard	5
C. H. Grace	5
Chad. T. Kaw	5
J. W. Kaw	5
J. W. Kingborn	5
Kuhn & Co.	5
John Lemm	5
H. McCallum	5
Paul Jordan	5
W. Stuart Hanison	5
Hon. A. M. Thomson	5
J. Ullmann & Co.	5
Rev. H. Bender	5
W. Brewer & Co.	5
Paul Brewitt	5
Cotiam & Co.	5
S. W. Goggin	5
W. C. H. K.	5
F. Kircher	5
L. Mallory	5
Mehta & Co.	5
More & Seimund	5
W. Pariane	5
J. Rosselet	5
A. Rodger	5
E. W. Terry	5
R. C. Vasla	5
C. A. Camroodia	3
J. L. Chuttoo	3
A. E. Allemao	2
Abdoolender Esmailjee	2
M. H. Katrak	2
O. Ockerjee & Co.	2
C. Osmund	2

THE death of a priest from rabies at Penang arouses interest in recent accounts of the de Buisson treatment of hydrophobia as an alternative to that of Pasteur, remarks the *Straits Times*. By the de Buisson system the patient is at once placed in a vapour bath, and it is argued that this process, if properly applied, causes the poison to exude through the pores until the system is perfectly purified. Captain Firkis (Royal Navy) is taking great interest in the discovery, and the Viceroy of India has intimated to him that the Government will afford facilities for the placing of Buisson baths for the treatment of hydrophobia in Government hospitals and dispensaries in India. Twenty baths have been already ordered.

ONE of the Calcutta papers, in a long critique of Hudson's Surprise Party, speaks in glowing terms of these entertainers. In ballads and sentimental songs Misses Stanbridge and Elliott and Messrs. Royd and Wallace King stand pre-eminent, and the comic song and sketch business is safe in the hands of the Thornton Sisters, Miss Ida Rosslyn, Messrs. McKisson and Kearns and, of course, the one and only "Tommy." Then there are William and Anny Gourlay, two burlesque artists who have name and fame from one end of Australia to the other, and last, but not at all least that wonderful pianist, Miss May Habgood. The Company's season commences to-morrow evening in the Theatre Royal, City Hall.

GEO. FENWICK AND CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at the Hongkong Hotel at noon to-day. Mr. W. Pariane occupied the chair and there were also present Messrs. M. B. Polishwalla, J. C. Jesson, W. S. Bailey, R. C. Wilcox, F. Henderson, J. H. Cox, A. Rodger, A. Dennison, Thos. Arnold, W. G. Winterbeen (General Manager), and J. Rodger.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, the accounts having been in your hands for some days, with your permission we will take them as read. From the balance sheet you will observe that the gross earnings during the year show a large increase over any former year. The reasons the net profits are not quite up to the profits of 1895 is that the keen competition for contracts reduced the margin of profit, and the short time allowed to complete several of the largest of them necessitated the works running night and day during a portion of the year, and this night work is both costly and unsatisfactory. Then, in 1895 the Company made a net profit of some $9000 from the sale of material in stock, while during the present year we have made only a fraction of that amount from that source. There have also been some expenses in connection with the newly-acquired Kowloon property, all of which is included in working expenses and Crown rent and taxes, that property standing in the books at the net price paid for it. You will also notice that a larger amount than usual has been written off for depreciation on the old property and plant. This we consider necessary as some of the property and plant are rather run down, and we find that if we are to turn out first-class work economically, and compete with others in the trade, it is necessa / that our appliances be up to date, and during the present year it is intended to expend some $4,000 to $5,000 in new tools, and in improving the buildings, and trust that in this we have your approval. During the year we partly built and equipped four steamers the largest of which was a twin screw 130 feet in length and of 11 knot speed. A portion of the work on these is included in the item work in progress. The profit on the completed work of these vessels still in hand at the end of the year we placed at a very low estimate to be on the safe side, the balance of profit—if any—will therefore come into 1897 account. For the building of steamers of this size and class, and also for the erection of screw pile wharf and piers, we have at the present time special facilities. For the latter we have acquired diving apparatus and other special appliances, and trust that in these lines of work we will—as in the past—come in for a fair share of the contracts likely to be placed in the Colony at an early date. On the other hand the repairs to shipping in the harbour show a most regrettable decline owing to the tramp steamers having lately almost deserted the port, and but little of the regular and local lines' repairs coming our way. As this is a most profitable class of work, we trust the depression is but temporary. The prospects for the present year are on the whole very favourable. From the beginning of the year we have been fully, and, we believe, profitably, employed, and although at the moment our large contracts are all well advanced, general work is fairly busy, and we have a steady flow of small orders and repairs for local firms and to steam launches. We have also tenders out for some fairly large contracts, some of which will probably come our way. You will observe we propose transferring 1500 to the reserve fund of the balance hitherto carried forward from year to year, thus increasing the reserve fund to $10,000. We think this better than again carrying such a large balance forward. Regarding the Kowloon land, which no doubt you are aware was, since the last annual meeting, purchased on behalf of the Company by the late General Manager, we have in accordance with the wishes of a large number of shareholders expressed at a private meeting held here on Aug. the 13th last tried our best to dispose of it, but hitherto, we regret to say, unsuccessfully. Our present hopes in this direction are not sanguine and should all our endeavours to dispose of it prove futile, it may become necessary for your directors to take steps to carry out the original intention of the late General Manager with the property. In the meantime the Government have in consideration of the circumstances of the case granted one year's extension of time in which to carry out the terms of the purchase. I do not know that I can usefully add anything further, but before proposing the passing of the accounts I will be glad to give any further information or explanation in connection with them.

The motion for the adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried unanimously.

The re-election of Mr. Alex. Rodger as a director, and the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Pariane as director were carried on the motion of Messrs. Cox and Henderson.

Mr. Thos. Arnold was re-elected auditor on the motion of Messrs. Bailey and Denison.

The Chairman asked the meeting what was its opinion regarding the appointment of a third director; there was, he knew, some difficulty in getting an eligible person.

Messrs. Arnold and Henderson expressed the opinion that for the present it would be best to go on as they were. The matter then dropped.

The Chairman said that he would like the meeting to express its regret at the death of the late General Manager, and he moved that a vote of sympathy to the widow and orphans be passed.

Mr. A. Rodger seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

Dividend warrants, it was announced, would be ready to-morrow morning.

The meeting then closed.

THE BANGKOK BANK CASE.

(In the International Court, before Phya Thamasat, Phya Manoo, Phya Prahar Kithorachak, and Mr. Schlesser.)

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK VERSUS PHRA PAKDEE.

In a comparatively recent issue we published particulars of the suit brought by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the International Court at Bangkok to recover Ticals 131,145.75 from one Phra Pakdee, a Siamese opium farmer. The hearing was concluded on the 26th ultimo; Counsel addressed the Court on the 27th, and judgment was reserved till the 18th, when it was given in favour of the Bank.

Mr. Tilleke summed up on behalf of the plaintiff Bank and he was followed by Luan Sunthorn Kosa, in Siamese, for the defence. The speeches are too length for publication in these columns *in extenso* and we therefore give excepts from them, as published in the *Observer*, as follows:—

FOR THE PLAINTIFF,

Mr. Tilleke concluded his address thus:—The Bank has only one remedy, and that against the known principal, Phra Pakdee. We have nothing to do with Mr. Maclean; we only accepted him as agent of Phra Pakdee and we look to Phra Pakdee for the money. If Phra Pakdee says Mr. Maclean misappropriated his money Mr. Maclean can be sued in the British Court. Phra Pakdee need not be afraid of the British Court. British justice is well known all over the country, and Phra Pakdee will have full and speedy justice if Mr. Maclean has misappropriated his money. The case is a very simple one really, but has been involved by the action of the defendant. I do not think for a moment that the Court will consider these accounts as concocted. Therefore the only conclusion to arrive at is, Have these moneys been paid out from time to time to Phra Pakdee or his Agent? That they have been paid to Phra Pakdee and Mr. Maclean as his agent is clear from the receipts. We have produced vouchers for every single item here. If the Court is satisfied that Phra Pakdee knew there was one overdraft only, there will be no difficulty in deciding that he must pay this money. Now, Phra Pakdee admits that he went to the Bank and Mr. Hunter wrote out the slip I have put in showing the amount of his overdraft. Now, Mr. Hunter also says that he did write out a memo., but I must point out that that memo is not in the Court. Phra Pakdee has got it up to this day, because that memo would shew Phra Pakdee was indebted to the Bank in 423,054 on February 27th. Mr. Hunter has sworn that he gave that amount. The slip we have filed is not the one that Mr. Browne gave him on February 27th, but one that Mr. Hunter gave between March 9th and 14th after Mr. Browne had left, for that slip shows that Phra Pakdee owed the Bank 311,802. The Court, when it comes to look at that memo., will see that it has the figures in English characters, and nothing at all about the Singapore account. Phra Pakdee admits that he took that slip to the shroff, who wrote the figures in Chinese, and also added the figures of the Singapore account. Now, Phra Pahdee says he took this and compared it with his account and found it did not tally, and so he took it to Mr. Maclean who told him something about opium in Singapore. That showed as large a sum as 311,000 overdrawn in Bangkok, and over 100,000 in Singapore. Now if he says he always knew he had plenty of money he would have known that so large a sum as 400,000 could not be owing and would not have kept quiet, but would have gone to the bottom of it. He would not have believed Mr. Maclean if Mr. Maclean had merely told him there was opium in Singapore. 400,000 ticals' worth of opium would have been enough for the year. He does not go to the Bank and thrash the matter out, and why? Because he knew all about the overdraft. Then after that, after he got the slip from Mr. Hunter, he goes on paying 500,000 ticals into the Bank without drawing a cheque against it. I don't want any other evidence or any other document; that alone shows that he knew he was indebted to the Bank. I promised my friend on the other side to finish at 3 o'clock; it is already a quarter past; but I believe I have said enough to show that Phra Pakdee owes this money to the Bank, and that the Court has no other alternative than to order him to pay the amount.

THE DEFENCE.

The following is a precis of Luang Sunthorn Kosa's speech, delivered in Siamese, as handed to the *Observer* for publication:—

The case for the plaintiffs as disclosed by the pleadings and Mr. Tilleke's opening speech was based upon the letter of the 1st April, 1893. Mr. Tilleke stated in his speech that in the course of a number of conversations an agreement was come to, that Phra Pakdee should from time to time deposit in the Bank his receipts as Opium Farmer, and should these sums not be sufficient for his requirements the Bank should allow him to borrow, upon which interest should be charged. Mr. Tilleke went on to say Mr. Browne stated that he must have the agreement in writing if Pra Pakdee wanted to appoint Mr. Maclean as his agent, and that the defendant went away and returned with the letter of the first April, 1893, which Mr. Tilleke handed in. This letter was drafted by Mr. Browne himself, copied by Mr. Franklin Hurst and signed by Phra Pakdee, and has all along been the only authority under which Mr. Maclean acted. The letter cannot be construed to authorise Mr. Maclean to overdraw or borrow money or in any other way. It contains merely an authority to draw money actually in the Bank, either on current or any other account. Subsequently Mr. Browne stated that there was a verbal agreement with Phra Pakdee for overdrafts. But this is denied by Phra Pakdee and there is absolutely no evidence to establish the fact. The only man who might have supported Mr. Browne's statement as to this was Mr. Maclean, and in his opening speech Mr. Tilleke said that he intend to call Mr. Maclean in the box but he was not called as a witness for the Bank and the inference therefore is that either Mr. Maclean could not truthfully corroborate Mr. Browne or that he would in cross-examination make disclosures against the interest of the Bank. It must therefore be taken as established, that there was no agreement whereby Phra Pakdee agreed to allow Maclean to overdraw, and in the absence of an express agreement no man can be held liable for money borrowed by his agent. A business man may well say that he will allow his agent to deal with money in hand and yet refuse to allow him to run him into debt. There would be no injustice in dismissing the case on this ground as it has been shown by Phra Pakdee that the whole amount claimed by the Bank has been drawn by Mr. Maclean and used for his own purposes and not for the benefit of Phra Pakdee. The Bank have their remedy against Mr. Maclean. Even if it were proved to the satisfaction of the Court that there was a verbal agreement the Bank cannot recover, as according to Siamese law a loan of money exceeding 4 ticals must be evidenced by a written document. Mr. Hunter in his evidence has admitted that Mr. Maclean was allowed to overdraw on the security of the shipping documents, and it is quite certain from the wording of the letter of April, 1893, that the intention was that all purchases were to be made against the shipping documents. But the Bank parted with their security and delivered the shipping documents to Mr. Maclean who had no authority to receive them if by so doing he created an overdraft, and by giving up the shipping documents without pay they enabled Mr. Maclean to draw out large sums of money for his own use. The Bank did this at their own risk and must suffer any loss which may arise from their neglect. The Bank might have protected themselves if they had promptly informed Phra Pakdee of the fact that there was an overdraft, but it is admitted by Mr. Browne that they never informed him. Phra Pakdee stopped depositing money when he discovered that all money deposited was to meet the overdrafts of Mr. Maclean. When Mr. Browne was under cross-examination I repeatedly asked him, as he admitted he never notified to Phra Pakdee of the overdraft; but did he tell Phra Pakdee verbally about it? He said "yes, several times," and I asked him to name the dates and the persons who were there, as Phra Pakdee could not speak English there must be some one to act as interpreter. He could only remember on two occasions—one when Phra Pakdee went to buy a draft to Hongkong. That was on Feb. 8th, 1895. The Bank had their own interpreter and asked him to produce that boy so as to corroborate him. He could not produce the boy. On another occasion, that was 10th April, 1895, when Dr. Yai Phranana, and Luang Surthorn were at the Bank, you had heard the evidence of both these gentlemen and they said the only occasion they went together to the Bank was when they sold the rice-mill, and that was on the 9th March, 1895, and they did not see Phra Pakdee there.

THE JUDGMENT.

On the 18th instant, as was stated in our last issue, judgment was given in favour of the plaintiff Bank for the full amount.

Notice of appeal against the decision was given.

FOOCHOW RACES.

Stewards:—H. Baker, Esq.; H. Edgar, Esq.; Thos. Gittins, Esq; W. Graham, Esq; J. C. Oswald, Esq.; and A. W. Walkinshaw, Esq.

SECOND DAY,—THURSDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1897.

The FOHKIEN CUP; value $100; second pony to receive $25; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 5lbs extra for each race won; entrance $5. One mile and a half.

Monte Carlo	1
Exmoor	2
Acrobat	3

Time, 3min. 3½sec.

The MIN STAKES; of $5 each with $50 added; For Foochow and Amoy subscription ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7lbs extra, of two or more races 10lbs extra. One mile.

Houpla	1
Kuma	2

Time, 2min. 21sec.

The LOTTERY CUP; value $100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 10lbs extra; entrance $5. Once round and a distance.

Beggarman	1
Cranberry	2
Sidmouth	3

Time, 1min. 39½sec.

The STAND STAKES; of $5 each, with $50 for the first pony and $25 for the second pony; weights as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 7lbs extra, of two or more races 12lbs extra. Three-quarters of a mile.

Dartmoor	1
Kuma	2
Houpla	3

Time, 1 min. 43 secs.

The HACK STAKES; of $5 each with $5 added for each starter; for all China ponies not otherwise entered; for jockeys who have never had a winning mount in China or Hongkong previous to this meeting; weights 10st 10lbs.; ponies that have never won a race allowed 7lbs. Once round.

Leander	1
Shoofly	2

Time, 1 min. 30 secs.

The CONSOLATION CUP; value $100; for all *bona fide* beaten ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race; weights as per scale; entrance $5. One mile.

Sidmouth	1
Humbug	2
Exmoor	3

Time, 2 mins. 20½ secs.

The CHAMPION STAKES; of $10 each with $50 added; a forced entry for and open only to winners, of the Hacks and Consolation Cup; winners of two races $25 extras; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Castanet	1
Ranger	2
Polo	3

Time, 2 mins. 56½ secs.

The WELTER PLATE; value $100; for all China ponies; weights 11st 7lbs.; non-winners at this meeting allowed 7lbs.; riders who have never won a race allowed 7lbs.; entrance $5. Three-quarters of a mile.

Dartmoor	1
Cranberry	2
Humbug	3

Time, 1 min. 43 secs.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before his Lordship Sir J. W. Carrington, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice.)

March 19th.

THE POSSESSION STREET TRAGEDY.

Chi Yeuk, a shoemaker, was charged with the murder of Li Cheung, a coolie, on the 9th instant in No. 4 Possession Street.

Mr. H. E. Pollock prosecuted, on behalf of the Attorney General, and Mr. Slade appeared for the prisoner.

The jury was as follows:—Messrs A. G. Stokes, C. S. Sharp, E. W. Mitchell E. Wheeler, J. Thurburn, H. Stolterfoht, and J. Andrew.

Mr. Pollock laid the facts of the case before the jury. He also read the statement of the prisoner—"I was sitting in the Yu Tai shop. The deceased joked with me and struck a blow on my ear. I was holding a knife and he fell against it. The deceased then made a cry and accused me of murdering him."

Li Sui, stated that deceased was his clansman and between 6 and 7 p.m. on the 9th inst. they were together in the Ng Tai shop. Prisoner came in and said to deceased "You are very proud." Deceased replied "not prouder than you." They then abused each other and after a while witness heard a cry, and looking round saw deceased with one hand on his stomach and the other holding the prisoner. Deceased said prisoner had stabbed him, and prisoner replied "Do what you like; I did stab you." Witness saw the blood-stained knife (produced) lying on the floor. He stood at the shop door and prevented prisoner escaping. Witness then identified the blood-stained garments produced, and, to locate the knife marks in them, the coats were placed on a Chinese constable.

Witness was cross-examined at length by Mr. Slade as to the locality of the shop and its arrangements. It was brought out that two other knives besides the one produced were lying on the floor.

Cheong Kwok, the accountant of the shop, gave corroborative evidence, adding that after the abusive language he saw the deceased strike the prisoner on his right cheek with his clenched and then thrust his arm round the prisoner's shoulders and tried to press him. He did not see the deceased, and when he saw the deceased with his hand round his stomach he was bleeding profusely.

Wan Chow and other witnesses gave evidence at length and his Lordship then summed up and without retiring the jury returned a unanimous verdict of "guilty of manslaughter."

In passing sentence His Lordship said to the prisoner that he had been found guilty of the lesser offence of manslaughter and sentenced him to 8 years' hard labour.

THE RECORD REIGN.

The "Colonial Cup," for which all readers of the *Reform* in British possessions were qualified as competitors, has been awarded by the judges to the writer of the following:—

VICTORIA'S REIGN.

Victoria's reign of record length's my theme,
Her reign for sixty years—her reign supreme!
To Kensington at dawn the Primate hies:
"The King is dead. Long live the Queen!" he cries.
Three years pass by, the Queen then weds in joy;
Next year, that's '41, is born her boy.
Soon follow Afghan horrors, orphans' wails.
In '43 the great O'Connell fails.
Irish potatoes rotted and decayed
In '46, and famine came and stayed.
To mend the Corn Laws hence doth Peel aspire:
Then Dizzy finds his chance; he backs the Squire.
For later forties let us turn to Ind,
And sing Dalhousie, Napier, Punjab, Sind.
An Exhibition held in '51
World's peace proclaims, yet lasting peace there's none.
A few months pass, then comes Napoleon's rise;
Three years, then war, the Cobden school's surprise.
In '55 Sebastopol's campaign;
In '56 we taste of peace again.
Loathed '57! Rebellious Sepoys' hate
John Company o'erthrows in '58.
Prince Albert's death we mourned in '61;
And Slave States whipped the Yankees at Bull Run.
Th' Atlantic Cable's laid in '66,
That year Sadowa saw and Bismarck's tricks.
In winter Fenians startle Clerkenwell
In '67; next spring Magdala fell.
The following year victorious "People's Will"
By legislation tries a Church to kill.
In '70 France is ruined at Sedan!
Napoleon's captured; School Board reign began.
Gladstone, next year, the House of Lords evades,
His Queen to use prerogative persuades.
The Ballot Bill is passed in '72,
And Mayo's murdered by a mad Genoese.
In '73 reforming floods are checked,
On Irish Education Gladstone's wrecked.
The Suez shares' Disraeli boldly buys
In '75, a well-received surprise.
Move on two years, and see the war begin
'Twixt Turk and Russian, ending with Berlin.
Our Jingo spirit's roused, yet crushing blows
Are dealt by Zulu, Boer, and Afghan foes:
Malwand the worst! when England's faithful star
Seemed set till Roberts marched to Kandahar.
Then '82 the Dublin murders soiled;
Egypt was troubled, Alexandria spoiled.
Tel-el-Kebir came next, then Gordon's fate,
When English pulpits rang with "Late, too late!"
Now homewards turn, vile Pigott, great Parnell,
The far-famed trial, the *Thund'rer's* forging tell;
The party smash which Home Rule boom creates;
In four and ninety Gladstone abdicates.
Then leaving home, let's look abroad once more,
And mention Penjdeh, Burma, Manipore,
The Chitral business, headstrong Jameson's raid,
The Kaiser's bluster—England's not afraid!
We pause. Our coasts, though oceans roll between,
Re-echo with our psalm, "God save the Queen."

JOHN DE COURCY ATKINS,
Royal Yacht Club, Bombay.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

WHY NOT FLUSH THE DRAINS?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—The very offensive smells which emanate from some of the drain traps in some of our principal streets at present suggest the necessity of flushing the drains. It is very many weeks since any rain has fallen, although the heavens have been so very overclouded almost all the while. Recently passing close to the Grill Rooms, and last night just outside the New Victoria Hotel and near the *Telegraph* office the odours arising from the drains close by were most unpleasant, if not dangerous, and these are by no means the only places where my olfactory nerves have been considerably offended.

Prevention is better than cure, so let us hope that the sanitary authorities will turn on the water taps chop chop, after which "first aid" the Clerk of the Weather might perhaps assist them; if not, they must "keep on doing it." No wonder typhoid is about if many of the private drains are in the same filthy and choked condition as the public ones appear to be.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A VISITOR.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1897.

LEPERS IN THE COLONY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—A few days ago I was confronted by two very unpleasant looking specimens of the genus "leper" whilst making my way from Gleneally Buildings up through Gneeally to Robinson Road. It is true there was no policeman anywhere near, but the specimens I refer to must surely have been seen by some member of the Force before they arrived where they were. They were begging of course.

One can't help feeling sorry for such sorely stricken creatures, but I retrained from giving them anything, fearing to encourage what I assume to be a public nuisance and danger.

Is leprosy a dangerous catching disease apart from its revolting nature? If so, the police should be instructed how to detect a case, and to see to it that all such persons are promptly deported.

At Colombo I have seen some horrible looking creatures exhibiting their deformities in the public streets while soliciting alms. Odd! thought I in a British possession; and now I see it again here, and think it odd that it should be tolerated for it is a danger and a nuisance, and all beggars are law-breakers here, if I mistake not.

Yours faithfully,

BRITISH GLOBE-TROTTER.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1897.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer	30.059
Thermometer	61.0
Humidity	85.
Rainfall	4.08 inches.

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On data at 10 a.m.	On data at 6 p.m.
Barometer	29.96	29.82
Thermometer	69	68
Humidity	89	95
Rainfall		

Friday, 19th March, 1897.
(St. Joseph's Day.)

Chinese—*17th of 2nd moon of 23rd year of Kwang-sü.*
Jewish—*15th Veadar, 5657.* Shushan Purim.
Mohammedan—*15th Shawall, 1314.*

Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 7min.*
Sets *6hr 10min.*
Moon—*Full* *5hr. 5min a.m.*
High water—*Morning* *9hr. 21min.*
Afternoon *9hr. 42min.*
Low water—*Morning* *3hr. 32min.*
Afternoon *3hr. 21min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1837—The Governor of Canton acceded to the request of Captain Elliot to reside in that city.
1839—Commissioner Lin prohibited the retreat of foreigners from Canton to Macao.
1849—Namtao bombarded by H.M.S. *Cruiser.*
1881—The steamship *Hykhan Maru* burnt in the Inland Sea, 16 lives lost.
1886—The steamship *Stewoo* wrecked on Shing Rock.
1889—Collision between the *Mindanao* and *Visayas*; loss of the former with 29 lives.

TO-MORROW,

Saturday 20th March, 1897.

Chinese.—*18th of 2nd moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.*
Jewish.—*16th Veadar, 5657.* Purim.
Mohammedan.—*16th Shawall, 1314.*

Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 6min.*
Sets *6hr. 10min.*
Moon.—*In Perigee* *9hr. p.m.*
High water—*Morning* *9hr. 50min.*
Afternoon *10hr. 33min.*
Low water—*Morning* *4hr. 1min.*
Afternoon *4hr. 9min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1848—Governor Bonham landed at Hongkong.
1862—Mutiny on board the coolie ship *Robert Brown*; the captain and part of the murdered.
1880—Terrible tragedy at Macao: Colonel Mesquita, after killing two members of his family and seriously injuring two others, committed suicide.
1891—Wreck of the steamship *Nanning* on one of the Lema Islands.
1896—The Borneo Coy's Rice Mills at Bangkok destroyed by fire.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY,—19th March.

Entries for the V. R. C. Athletic Sports close.
9 p.m.—Engineers' Dance at the City Hall.

TO-MORROW,—20th March.

Entries for H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament close.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of porcelain, etc., at Mr. G. P. Lammert's sales rooms, Duddell Street.
9.15 p.m.—Hudson's Surprise Party at the City Hall.

SHIPPING AND MAIL-NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

English *(Thames)* 22nd inst.
American *(Doric)* 23rd inst.
Canadian *(Empress of China)* 24th inst.
Tacoma *(Olympia)* 26th inst.
French *(Yangtse)* 28th inst.
Australian *(Changsha)* 31st inst.
American *(China)* 2nd prox.
German *(Bayern)* 8th prox.

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THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Tokio Maru* left Nagasaki for this port this morning, and may be expected here on the morning of the 23rd inst.

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THE Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the "Ben" line steamer *Benlarig*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore yesterday for this port.

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THE China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Changsha*, from Australian ports, left Thursday Island for this port at daylight to-day, and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Brato	steamer,	from	Singapore
Vulcan	"	"	Saigon
Thales	"	"	Coast Ports

Aggregating 4,610 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Hotloong	steamer,	for	Coast Ports
Changchow	"	"	Swatow
Brindisi	"	"	Kobe
Loyal	"	"	Iloilo
Fushun	"	"	Shanghai
Yamashiro Maru	"	"	Japan
Maria Valeria	"	"	Singapore

Aggregating 11,215 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Kaipan	in	Kowloon	Dock.
Centurion, H.M.S	"	"	"
Kochidate Maru	"	"	"
Hanoi	"	"	"
Namoa	"	"	"
Pronto	"	"	"
Bulgic	"	Cosmopolitan	"

SWATOW.

Arrivals.	*from*	*Agents.*
Mar. 17 *Haiman*	Honskong	J. M. & Co.
" *Kwongsang*	Chefoo	"
Mar. 18 *Foochow*	Hongkong	B. & S.

Departures.	*for*	*Agents.*
Mar. 17 *Haiman*	Amoy	J. M. & Co.
Mar. 18 *Thales*	Hongkong	"
" *Kwongsang*	Hongkong	"
" *Foochow*	C'foo&N'wig	B. & S.

In Port—Nil.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—16th Feb.—*Benlarig, St. Giles, St. Jerome.* 19th February.—*Hertha, Aslown, Ceres.* 23rd February—*Ellen Richmers, Tosa Maru.* 26th February—*Anglag, Pathan, Sophie Richmers, Tamsui.* 2nd March—*Glenshire, Gisela, Benedick, Orestes, Marionethshire, Teucer, Caught.* 5th March.—*Aden, Serpedon, Tai Shun.* 9th March.—*Twebo.* 12th March.—*Mogul, Elizabeth Richmers, Takao, Tamerville.* 16th March.—*Radnor, Bayern, Aidonar, Senia, Yamaguchi Maru.*

HOMEWARD—13th March—*Natal.* 16th Mar.—*Stella.*

THE NIPPON GINKO.

The twenty-ninth regular general meeting of the Nippon Ginko was held at Tokio on 20th February. Baron Iwasaki occupied the chair. After the conclusion of the formal business, the President, in addressing the meeting on the financial position during the past year, is reported to have made the following statement:—

During the first two months of last year the money market became very stringent. This feeling was subsequently relaxed, and, till the end of May the market was quiet. In June the bank raised the rate of interest somewhat. The falling off in the silk trade and the increased demand for foreign goods caused the balance of trade to oscillate in favour of imports, and, at the end of the first half-year, the excess of imports over exports aggregated more than 36 million yen. Fortunately the Government held a portion of the indemnity in London and this was used in adjusting exchange. The result was that no exodus of specie occurred but an influx was brought about. However, these things all tended to lessen the volume of currency in circulation, and the Government transferred a large sum from the Treasury to the keeping of the Bank, to be used in making advances to the market. Still it was considered advisable to be careful, and on September 7th the rate of interest on advances was raised by 1.10 per cent. Up to June, 1896, the market felt a certain tightness, and ominous rumours were afloat among the public, but these lived only for a short time, and in September tranquility was restored. Consequently the raising of the rate of interest caused no perceptible impression. Shortly after, alarming calamities upset the public pulse, temporarily suspended communication, threw business entirely out of gear, and occasioned an unexpected demand for money. The obstructions in the money market were specially felt in certain quarters, and, from the end of September to October num ous failures occurred. The merchants concerned, however, took steps calculated to adjust the difficulties; bankers subsequently relaxed their caution, and gradually a normal condition was restored. Thus it will be seen that last year the market wore a peaceful aspect during the first six months, and a generally tight condition prevailed in the latter six. It was fortunate that the Bank, having had funds placed at its disposal by the Treasury, was able to relieve the market from serious trouble. The employment of these funds naturally swelled the volume of currency, and during the month of December it stood at over 202,940,000 yen, an increment of about 40 million yen as compared with the amount circulating prior to the war. As a set-off to this, however, the expansion of business and enterprise must be taken into consideration. Thus the volume of foreign trade aggregated over 289½ million yen, an increase of over 24,140,000 yen as compared with the previous year's figures; and the outstanding loans of the Tokio and Osaka Union Banks totalled 127,170,000 yen, an increment of about 21,830,000 yen; while the volume of exchange aggregated as much as 486,050,000 yen, an increase of about 83,660,000 yen as compared with the previous year. Add to these the increased subscription to companies, an increase in State expenditures, and so forth, and it is not unreasonable to conclude that the volume of currency is not unwarrantably excessive. The rise in the market price of commodities has attracted public attention this year. It is true that, in the spring, probably as a result of reaction, the market slightly fell. But coming to the second half of last year, in spite of the tightening of the money market, prices rose steadily, so that quotations at the end of the year were, in general, 30 per cent. higher as compared with prices ruling before the war. In fact, the rising tendency in the market price of commodities—naturally attendant upon the fall in the gold price of silver, to which we must add the awakening of the public mind in consequence of the victorious issue of the war, the expansion of enterprises, the increased purchasing power of farmers, and so forth—these matters considerably swelled the scope of demand and tended to enhance prices. In December, 1895, the Bank was commissioned by the Treasury to take charge of the Indemnity. In February the London Branch Office of the Specie Bank of Yokohama was ordered to undertake that business on behalf of the Bank, and the work was started shortly afterwards. The matter being one of grave moment and vitally connected with the welfare of the country, the Bank despatched Mr. Yamamoto Tatsu, Chief of the Business Department of the Nippon Ginko, as an examiner into the actual condition of financial affairs in London. The Treasury's business in Formosa was initiated in October in Taipeh, and sub-branches were opened at four other places. The building of the new premises of the Bank, started in 1892, having been completed in February of last year, the new offices were opened on April 10th. The building of a branch office in Moji was started during last year, while the want of sufficient accomodation of the Osaka Branch Office has convinced the management of the necessity of rebuilding there. In conclusion, the President deeply regretted the death of his predecessor, Baron Kawada, passing high eulogy upon his merits.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

The profit and loss account of the Nippon Ginko stands thus:—

Total profit	$3,868,490.421
Expenses	1,959,338.745
Net profits	1,909,151.670
Carried over from previous account	190,125.825
Total	2,099,277.495
Dividend (6 per cent.)	675,000.000
Balance	1,424,277.495
Reserves	400,000.000
Rewards and allowances	98,000.000
Balance at end of year	926,277.495
Second dividend (7 per cent.)	787,500.000
Carried to next account	138,777.495

THE MAN WHO KNOWS THE ROAD.

He drives directly home, even in dark nights, does the man who knows the road. The over-hanging gloom, the deceptive shadows, the uncertain sounds don't bother him. He can *feel* the ground under his waggon wheels, and the "lay of the land" is open to him as at clear noontide. It is the stranger in those parts who is confused and befuddled, who knocks people up to ask questions, who finally lodges in the ditch.

Where to go, and how to get there; what to do, and how to do it—why, the man who knows *that* comes to the front everywhere and always. But the opposite—the waste of time, money, power, health, &c., in blind experiments, how disheartening and disastrous it is! Take an illustration of this sort, and you will see how it fits in a minute.

"In the spring of 1892," says a lady who lives down near the east coast, "I began to feel ill. I had a poor appetite, and after everything I ate, no matter how simple it was, I was seized with great pain across the chest and around the sides. I was frequently sick, vomiting a sour, bitter fluid. I was almost afraid to eat, and my food gave me no strength. In this state I continued, now a bit better, and then worse until December, 1893, when I became very ill. I got so weak I could hardly bear the weight of my body on my feet. *I tried this and I tried that—all kinds of medicines I heard of, but none of them gave me any relief.*

"In January, 1894, I read in a little book about the cures done by Mother Seigel's Syrup. The book contained letters from people who had been cured, some of whom had suffered like me. I got a bottle from Miss Caroline Foster, grocer and draper, High Street, in this place. After taking it I was much better. I had a new relish for food, and no more distress after eating. I continued taking Mother Seigel's Syrup, and was soon free from all pain and sickness and fast gaining strength. Since then I have been in the best of health, and needed no medicine. (Signed) Mrs. Eleanor Clay, Messingham, Brigg, Lincs., April 30th, 1895."

"In the early part of 1875," writes another, "my health began to fail me. I felt low and weak, and lost all power and disposition to exert myself. After every meal I had pain in the chest and all over me. I felt so tight around the waist that it seemed as though something was holding me. I was much troubled with a sickening wind coming up from my stomach; and now and then I belched up a sour fluid that bit my throat and half choked me. Then, too, I had attacks of spasms, which gave me intense pain. I got about my work slowly and in much distress, and grew gradually weaker and more despondent in mind. *I tried all the various medicines I could hear of that might possibly be good for me, but none of them were of any avail.*

"After five tedious years of suffering, my daughter, who is in service in London, wrote me of the benefit her mistress had derived from the use of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup when troubled much as I was. I replied, and my daughter sent me two bottles of the Syrup, and after having taken it, I felt quite like a new woman." I had no pain after eating, and was in better health than I had been in since I was first taken ill. From that time onwards my health was good and if I all anything temporarily, as the best of us will, a few doses of Mother Seigel's Syrup put me right. I have told many persons of what this now celebrated remedy did for me, and am willing you should publish my statement if you desire to do so. (Signed) (Mrs.) Ann Knight, near the Church, Fenny Compton, Leamington, September 27th, 1895."

By looking back to the italicised words in these letters the reader will catch my point on the instant. Both these ladies, not knowing the true remedy for their disease (indigestion and dyspepsia), blindly experimented with anything they could get hold of. Under like circumstances we all do the same. When one doesn't know the road he is almost certain to blunder and stumble; and he can't know until he learns. Now, in all ailments of the digestion, with the local symptoms which proceed from it, Mother Seigel's Syrup is, so to put it, the *right road*. Follow it faithfully, and you are fairly sure to bring up in the pleasant shelter of good health. Knowing this, direct your neighbours.—*Advt.*

Intimations.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MEMBERS wishing to enter for the above will find LISTS on which to enter their NAMES in the HONGKONG CLUB and in the CRICKET PAVILION.

Entries will CLOSE TO-MORROW, the 20th MARCH.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1897. [440

TO CYCLISTS.

GENTLEMEN interested in forming a CYCLING CLUB are requested to send their NAMES to

CYCLIST,
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [476

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 22nd inst., both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [405

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 22nd March, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [454

ST. GEORGE'S BALL 1897.

A MEETING of SUBSCRIBERS to ST. GEORGE'S BALL 1897, will be held in the CITY HALL on TUESDAY, the 23rd March, at 5 P.M., to receive and pass the Accounts and to determine what shall be done with the Balance.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [471

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, at NOON, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [416

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M., on SATURDAY, the 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, 1897, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [417

Intimations.

It is

WASTE OF TIME

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Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [13

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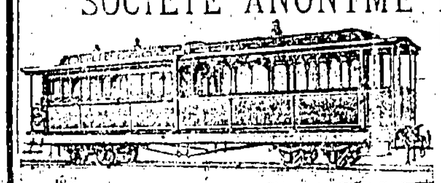
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Apply by Letter to the Undersigned.

N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [449

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1896, in order that the Distribution of BONUS may be arranged.

Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March instant will be adjusted by the Office, and no CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897 [385

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN accordance with the Provision of No. 19 of the Articles of Association, the GENERAL MANAGERS with the approval of the Consulting Committee have THIS DAY declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of 4 PER CENT. for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1896, on the Paid-up Capital of the Company.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS Payable on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, will be issued to SHAREHOLDERS.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 23rd instant, both days inclusive

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1897. [444

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 AI British Ship

"FALLS OF DEE,"

Lock, Master, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [244

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Bark

"COLOMA,"

Noyes, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [379

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

Captain K. H. Sundberg, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [452

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship

"DEUCALION,"

Captain B. Branch, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [451

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"KIOTO MARU"

Captain Sakoma, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1897. [309

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"TAIWAN MARU"

Captain Yoshiwara, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1897. [400

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"

Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 21st instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1897. [479

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR,"

Captain Asquith, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1897 [432

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.
(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOKIO MARU,"

Captain E. S. Barstow, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 26th March, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer possesses Superior Passenger Accommodation and carries a duly qualified Doctor and a European Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [333

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to RED SEA, MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA RICKMERS,"

Captain Berg, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 26th instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [427

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"MACDUFF,"

Captain Thomson, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 2nd April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1897. [463

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID AND MARSEILLES.

THE Company's Steamship

"KINSHIU MARU,"

Captain W. Thompson, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1897. [458

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE British Steamship

"BRECONSHIRE,"

Captain Peebles, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 3rd April.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [429

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"MENMUIR,"

Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at Daylight.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures a plentiful supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1897. [465

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.
(Subject to Alteration.)

Chittagong.....	Saturday.....	27th March.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship

"CHITTAGONG"

will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, (B.C.), and PORTLAND, OREGON, *viâ* KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 27th March.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPLICATE; and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1897. [493

FOR NAGASAKI AND WLADIVOSTOCK.

THE German Steamer

"JACOB DIEDERICHSEN,"

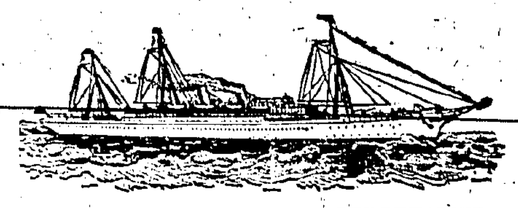
Captain Schlichter, will be ready to load here on or about FRIDAY, the 9th April, for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [474

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 7th April.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 28th April.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 19th May.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with 'al Trans-Atlantic Liners, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia, *viâ* Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong *viâ* Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months, £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. [3

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	}	Thursday, 1st April, at Noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	}	Thursday, 22nd April, at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	}	Tuesday, 11th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 1st April, 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [2

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
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EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK AT
REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [99

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Amoy Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	}	Tuesday, 23rd March, at Noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	}	Tuesday, 13th April, at Noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	}	Saturday, 1st May, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 23rd March, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, *viâ* Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1897. [1

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES,

SANITARY SOFT SOAP.



DISINFECTANT SOAPS.

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 9th March 1897. [10

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON $400.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK $350.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA $325.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Victoria	3,167	Tuesday ...	Mar. 23.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday ...	April 13.
Braemar	3,601	Tuesday ...	May 11.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday ...	May 25.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday ...	June 8.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday ...	June 29.

THE Steamship

"VICTORIA,"

Captain J. Panton, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 23rd March, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), *viâ* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [4



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"KAISAR-I-HIND,"

Captain C. I. Daniel, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 25th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1897. [5

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Sachsen		Tuesday...	30th March.
Bayern		Tuesday...	27th April.
Prinz Heinrich		Tuesday...	25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN," Captain H. Sommer, with MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 27th March. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 29th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 29th March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [390

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